

I have been receiving an increased number of telemarketing calls. Historically there were no messages left on my answering machine, just hang ups. However, I am currently averaging 3-4 pre-recorded telemarketing messages per week on my answering machine.

Additionally, I have been receiving an increases of telemarketing calls in the evening when I am home. As I do not have Caller ID, I receive the calls, and when I determine it is a telemarketer, I try to politely tell them that I am not interested and will be hanging up. Some of them just keep talking and won't listen.

I NEVER "take advantage" of the offers of telemarketers - I think this would be reinforcing bad behavior.

I would prefer to have my phone be available for my friends and family to call me. I don't think I should have to get Caller ID to avoid talking to people I didn't solicit information from. If I was interested in what they were offering, I would call them.

Thanks for considering my comments.

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